

REMARKS

In the last amendment, claim 2 was amended responsive to the claim objection. However, in viewing the claim set, it was determined that claim 2 had been incorrectly amended.

Claim 2 is now amended as follows:

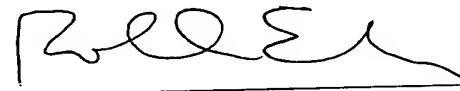
... , in which the average of the surface properties of step e) [[c]] is a weighted average, for example by the value of maximum correlation corresponding to the optimum offset.

As the propriety of these changes under the provisions of Rule 312 seems clear, entry of the present amendment is believed clearly to be in order and the same is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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